ABSTRACT

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The present invention provides a process for the production of a fuel composition having a NACE corrosion rating of between 0% and 25%, comprising the steps of: (i) contacting a fuel with a corrosion inhibitor of formula (I) to provide an initial fuel composition

$$R_1$$
 R_2 R_3 R_3

wherein m and n are each independently an integer from 0 to 10; wherein R₁ is an optionally substituted hydrocarbyl group; wherein either R₂ is OR₄ and R₃ is OR₅, wherein R₄ and R₅ are selected from hydrogen and hydrocarbyl-OH and wherein at least one of R₄ and R₅ is hydrogen; or R₂ and R₃ together represent —O—, and (ii) contacting the initial fuel composition with a caustic material to provide the fuel composition without subsequent addition of a corrosion inhibitor.